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Functions of the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Board.

726 Q.—Mr. A. T. Palmer: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Board is merely an examining body or if it has other functions; and

(*b*) what their other functions are?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to pages 40–43 in the Calendar of 1922–23 published by the Commissioner for Government Examinations.

Non-Brahman representation in the Guntūr district.

727 Q.—Mr. A. T. Palmer: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in the Guntūr district non-Brahman employés are being replaced by Brahmans under the regimé of the present Collector?

A.—The Government have no information.

Communal representation in Masulipatam district court.

728 Q.—Mr. A. T. Palmer: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(*a*) to state whether it is a fact that when Mr. Lobo, the District Judge of Masulipatam, wanted to give appointments to non-Brahmans his plans were thwarted; and

(*b*) to place the correspondence with regard to this matter on the table?

A.—The Government have no information.

Direct recruitment to the posts of Revenue Inspectors.

729 Q.—Mr. A. T. Palmer: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) in what year the scheme for direct recruitment of revenue inspectors was introduced;

(2) how many men have been thus recruited up to date;

(3) how many of them are Indian Christians;

(4) how many of those recruited have now come to the grade of deputy collectors;

(5) how many have become tahsildars; and

(6) whether it is a fact that men thus recruited are treated with suspicion by those already in service?

A.—(1) 1911.

(2) to (5) The recruitment is made by Collectors. The information is not available with Government and its collection will involve considerable expenditure of time and labour.

(6) The Government have no reason to think so.